

Park Board Minutes

March 22, 2011

Members present: Mike Pinker, Christie Schaeffer, Sherri Dow, Councilor Mike Miller, Ray Harris, Mart Hughes, Bob Cooper

Minutes: March minutes approved, 6-0

Update on District Advisory Board

Councilor Miller reported that the last DAB meeting focused on the budget. He noted that:

- The budget was down \$100-300,000 since the previous year
- They have a new check in process at the aquatics park that is expected to save money
- No layoffs are proposed
- The District is planning to build a new maintenance building at 72nd and 212
- Hawthorne park construction is dependent on applying for funds
- The beginning fund balance is down \$200,000
- The contribution from County parks is down \$138,000 and this shared arrangement is being discontinued
- Total budget is \$10,640,000

Hughes asked where the DAB was on funding Natural resources. Miller responded that natural resources was up to \$175,000 from \$143,000.

The group asked Herrigel to get the Power Point that Miller was referring to and share it with the board.

Miller noted that the DAB voted to forward the budget to the Budget Committee. He said they were given the proposed budget at the meeting and were asked to approve them the same night. He said the next DAB meeting was May 7. He

noted that he'd asked about how to move Milwaukie's undeveloped parks forward and he hasn't received an answer yet.

Hughes said he felt that it would be good for the District to have better communication with the member cities. He also said he thought that it would be good if they sent out advance copies of the budget for review by the DAB and the cities. He made a motion that staff prepare a letter to the DAB stating that the City appreciates our partnership with the District and requests that budgets be widely discussed by communities before they are adopted so that we have an opportunity to review and ask questions.

Miller noted that he thought the District maintenance staff used the gas at the City's Public Works Building. He wondered how much they used and what the cost was to the City. Herrigel said she would look into that.

Actions Items from previous meeting

Herrigel said she had not had a chance to look into the Monroe Street Enhancements but would report back at the next meeting.

Arbor Day Event Coordination

Herrigel reminded the group that the Arbor Day event was to be held April 29 at 5 PM at the Pond House. She said Lisa Bucy, of the Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District would be speaking. Herrigel said she had walked around downtown with Bucy and had identified trees people might most be interested in. Hughes noted he would not be there. Munchies were suggested.

Work Plan 2011-2012

Herrigel said that the group should be developing their work plan for 2011-12 in anticipation for the June work session they have with Council. She noted that they might consider including in their work plan attending each neighborhood associations during the year to update them on what the Park Board does.

Herrigel said she would get a draft work plan to the board before the next meeting.

City Updates

Johnson Creek Confluence Project/ Riverfront Park

The City's application to Metro with the Johnson Creek watershed Council has been recommended for funding. Metro Council confirms this on May 19.

North Clackamas Park (Northside plan and In water work)

Northside plan Planning Commission hearing postpones temporarily. The In water work proposed by WES has also been recommended for funding by Metro.

District Update

No District staff present.